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far been felt anywhere in the delta and the crops are all given their normal requirements in spite of low storage in Mettur Reservoir. The issues from the reservoir have been steadily raised from 10,000 cusecs on the opening of the reservoir to above 30,000 cusecs on 12th August 1960. In view of the low supply conditions in the Mettur Reservoir, it was the duty of the Government to forewarn the ryots with regard to any possible cut in supplies that might have to be enforced and this prior warning was also necessary so that the ryots would be fully prepared. With that idea only, a Press Communique was issued on 30th July 1960 that turn system might have to be enforced from 15th August if conditions of inflow and storage in Mettur did not improve and it was also stated then that the position would be periodically reviewed. The storage on 30th July 1960 was only 63.1 feet; on 5th August 1960 it was 81.9 feet and on 12th August 1960 it was 101.45 feet. As the storage position is now found to be improved, the turn system originally thought of is not to be enforced though the possibility of introducing the turn system at a later date with a view to make the best use of available waters, if the storage falls down considerably, may not be ruled out. There is no need for the ryots to get panicky as the conditions now are better than on 30th July 1960 when the situation was last reviewed.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) ASSOCIATION OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, I move—

‘That this House recommends to the Legislative Council that they do nominate five Members of the Council to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of this House for the year 1960–61 and communicate to this House the names of the Members so nominated.’

MR. SPEAKER: The question is—

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The motion was put and carried.

(2) ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIES.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, I move—

‘That in order to represent the Madras Legislative Assembly on the Board of Industries, this Assembly, in accordance with section 3 (1) (b) of the Madras State Aid to Industries Act, 1922 (Madras Act V of 1923) and rule XXII (2) of the Madras Small Scale and Cottage Industries Loans and Subsidy Rules, 1956, do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Speaker to elect two representatives on the Board of Industries constituted under the Act.’

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The motion was put and carried.

V.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIES.

MR. SPEAKER : In accordance with the regulations framed by me for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 8th September 1960 as the time within which nomination papers of candidates for the election to the Board of Industries should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary.

The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at 3 p.m. on Thursday, the 8th September 1960. I also fix 11 a.m. on Friday, the 9th September 1960, as the last hour and date for the withdrawal of candidature.

If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, viz., two, a poll will be taken on Monday, the 12th September 1960, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

THE MADRAS CINEMAS (REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL, 1960.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Madras Cinemas (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1960.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

‘ That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Cinemas (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1960.’

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.